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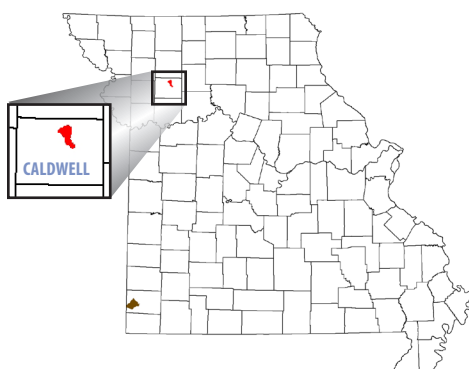
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Little Otter Creek Watershed Project

Introduction

This watershed project would continue completion of the proposed project by constructing one large multi-purpose structure under one federal contract at an estimated cost of \$11.6 million.

Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, this project is part of the Obama Administration's plans to modernize the nation's infrastructure, jumpstart the economy, and create jobs. NRCS is using Recovery Act dollars to update aging flood control structures, protect and maintain water supplies, improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands. NRCS acquires easements and restores floodplains to safeguard lives and property in areas along streams and rivers that have experienced flooding.



The Little Otter Creek Watershed, in red, is located in Caldwell County in Missouri.

Project Description

- **Location:** Caldwell County, Missouri
- **Size:** 6,323 acres
- **Anticipated Start Date:** March 2010
- **Estimated Completion Date:** September 2010

The Little Otter Creek Watershed Project plan consists of construction of a 326-acre multi-purpose structure which would provide rural water supply, flood prevention, recreational development, and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement.

Partners

- Caldwell County Commission
- Caldwell County Soil and Water Conservation District

Benefits

This project will have a major environment effect on the watershed problems of soil erosion and floodwater damage. An estimated \$572,000 in average annual benefits has been estimated upon completion of this project.

The entire watershed plan is estimated to:

- reduce floodwater damage to 198 acres
- provide an adequate, dependable, locally-controlled water supply system for the rural areas and municipalities within Caldwell County
- reduce overbank deposition of sediment in wetlands and prime farmlands
- provide net beneficial effects on quality and quantity of wildlife habitat
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If any adverse effects on Threatened and Endangered Species are encountered they will be avoided or properly mitigated. Any adverse effect on significant historic properties will be avoided or properly mitigated.

Economic Opportunities

Project funding would provide additional environmental benefits, sustainable water supply, and immediate contracts available for the local construction industries and associated businesses within the project's community.